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SUBJ: CIVAIR - DONALDSON INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS SUSPENDS
OPERATIONS

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1. DONALDSON INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS, A UK CHARTER AIR-
LINE, APPEARS TO BE HEADED FOR BANKRUPTCY. THE AIRLINE
WAS FORCED TO SUSPEND ALL OPERATIONS AUGUST 9 WHEN ITS
FLEET OF FOUR 707S WAS REPOSSESSED BY ITS BANKERS.
FOLLOWING WEEK COMPANY RECEIVED LETTER FROM CIVIL
AVIATION AUTHORITY REVOKING AIRLINE'S AIR TRANSPORT
LICENSE. AIRLINE STILL HAS TIME TO APPEAL CAA
REVOCATION ORDER BUT REVERSAL OF CAA DECISION, IF
APPEAL MADE, WOULD APPEAR TO BE UNLIKELY. COMPANY HAS
NOT ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS GOING INTO LIQUIDATION BUT WE
UNDERSTAND MOST OF ITS STAFF HAS BEEN GIVEN ONE MONTH'S
NOTICE OF TERMINATION.

2. DONALDSON HAS NOT BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN PACKAGED
TOUR BUSINESS THIS SEASON AND CONSEQUENTLY ITS FAILURE
WILL HAVE ONLY MODEST IMPACT ON THE TRAVEL MARKET.
HOWEVER, DONALDSON'S CLOSURE WILL FURTHER UNDERMINE
PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE PACKAGE TOUR BUSINESS WHICH
ALREADY SERIOUSLY WEAKENED BY COURT LINE FAILURE
(REFTEL).

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3. DONALDSON CURRENTLY HOLDS FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT

FROM US CAB.

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